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LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE TO VILLAGE PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to provide telephones to every panchayat in the country;

(b) if so, the time by when the target to provide telephones to each panchayat is likely to achieved, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telephone facility in all the panchayats of each service area/circle shall be provided by November, 2007 as per tender terms finalised by the office of Administrator Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund.

(c) The following steps have been taken to cover all panchayats:-

(i) Additional Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment is planned to be provided in the Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs)

(ii) Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs) shall be deployed in remote and far flung area which cannot be covered by any terrestrial techology.